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Wall Street Journal: "Panel Tries to Unravel WaMu's Failure ... More than 18 months after the largest bank failure in U.S. history, federal regulators have disclosed few details about their handling of Washington Mutual Inc.'s collapse, including the decision to let J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. buy the doomed financial institution at a bargain price."

Wall Street Journal: "FDIC Expected to Extend Deposit-Insurance Program ... The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.'s board is expected to vote on Tuesday to extend for at least six months its program offering unlimited deposit insurance for business accounts, people familiar with the matter said."

Wall Street Journal: "Banks Rebel Against Push to Redo Loans ... Some big U.S. banks are pushing back against the idea that they should slash mortgage balances for millions of troubled borrowers."

Wall Street Journal: "Hurdle Emerges to Financial Revamp ... White House officials have raised objections to a potential compromise between Democrats and Republicans on the Senate Agriculture Committee regarding rules governing derivatives trading, Senate aides said."

Washington Post: "Morgan Stanley CEO calls for partnering with regulators and legislators ... Morgan Stanley chief executive James Gorman acknowledged in a letter to shareholders Monday that the financial sector benefited from extraordinary government support during the 2008 market crisis and urged the industry to work with Washington on reshaping banking regulation."

Washington Post: "IMF widens pool for crisis funds to include emerging economies ... The International Monetary Fund on Monday tripled the amount of money it can deploy in a crisis, drawing more heavily on commitments from emerging economies such as China and Brazil to establish a pool of more than half a trillion dollars that officials hope will help deter future problems."

Washington Post: "Senate panel finds major fraud at Washington Mutual ... The mortgage lending operations of Washington Mutual, the biggest U.S. bank ever to fail, were threaded through with fraud and the bank's own inquiries were unable to stop the deceptive practices, according to a report by Senate investigators."

Washington Post: "List of new backers for IMF loan program ... New backers of the IMF loan program and the amount of additional credit provided, in millions of U.S. dollars. The commitments are in addition to about \$400 billion pledged by the United States and other nations."

Washington Post: "Defining financial regulatory overhaul remains a PR battle as Senate vote nears ... For the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the proposed financial regulations headed to the Senate floor would create sleepless nights and a lack of credit for the nation's small-business owners."

Washington Post; Geithner: "How to prevent America's next financial crisis ... America is close to turning the page on this economic crisis."

Washington Post: "How to reduce risk on Wall Street? Make the banks pay. ... Between the fall of 2008 and the winter of 2009, the world's economy and financial markets fell off a cliff."

NY Times: "Lehman Channeled Risks Through 'Alter Ego' Firm ... It was like a hidden passage on Wall Street, a secret channel that enabled billions of dollars to flow through Lehman Brothers."

NY Times: "Imagine the Bailouts Are Working ... What if, after all that panting over Washington's bailout of the financial system, we learned that it actually worked?"

NY Times: "Memos Show Risky Lending at WaMu ... New documents released by a Senate panel show how entrenched Washington Mutual was in fraudulent and risky lending, and highlighted how its top executives received rewards as their institution was hurtling toward disaster."

LA Times: "Washington Mutual created 'mortgage time bomb,' Senate panel says ... Before Washington Mutual collapsed in the largest bank failure in U.S. history, its executives knowingly created a 'mortgage time bomb' by making subprime loans they knew were likely to go bad and then packaging them into risky securities, a congressional investigation has found."

USA Today: "Treasury plans more bank warrant sales to recoup bailout money ... The Treasury Department says it has authorized another six auctions of bank warrants over the next six weeks to recoup taxpayer money from the controversial financial bailout program."

Washington Times: "EDITORIAL: Congress' financial mess ... For years, the Federal Reserve, Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae caused banks to make high-risk mortgages to borrowers who couldn't afford them."

Real Clear Markets: "No, the Bank Bailouts Created the Crisis ... Back in 1988, real estate mogul Donald Trump wrote the bestselling book, The Art of the Deal."

Bloomberg: "Derivative Trades Don't All Belong on Exchanges: Judd Gregg ... Two years after the onset of one of the worst financial crises since the Great Depression, Congress continues to grapple with the overhaul of the U.S. financial regulatory structure."